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As a United States Citizen and Taxpayer, I would like to make it clear that I am vehemently opposed to the current Proposed Settlement against Microsoft.

The proposed remedies are weak at best and ineffectual at worst. Since large amounts of taxpayer money have been expended by the Department of Justice in pursuing the case, it does not make sense to impose such flawed remedies on Microsoft, thereby undermining the best interests of the taxpayers. The scope and severity of any Department of Justice settlement with Microsoft should be commensurate with the crimes of which Microsoft was found guilty by the Court of Appeals. The current proposed settlement does not meet this criterion.

Many scholarly documents have been written which address the legitimate shortfalls and ample inadequacies of the Proposed Settlement. Among these, I am in agreement with the views and evidence expressed by the Computer & Communications Industry Association in:

<http://www.ccianet.org/papers/ms/sellout.php3>

Thank you for this opportunity to present my comments.

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